Chapter 367: The Nature of Angels

In the various cultures and folklores of Earth, angels have been portrayed in numerous ways. However, certain traits have consistently emerged in these stories. Angels were often depicted as winged humanoids, beings of extraordinary power and grace, serving as messengers, warriors, and servants of their divine Creator. Yet, there was always more to them than mere symbolism or religious figures.

The Humanoid Form

Angels in Earth’s folklores were often depicted with majestic wings, typically made of pure white feathers. These wings represented their divine connection, granting them the ability to fly, a symbol of their freedom and connection to higher realms. Their humanoid form was often striking, perfect in appearance, and reflecting their divine origins. They were not bound by the limitations of mortal beings—needing neither food nor sleep, breath nor rest. Their bodies were self-sustaining, almost impervious to the biological requirements that humans and creatures of flesh and blood had to obey.

Strength Beyond Measure

Angels were described as having incredible raw strength, a power that was unmatched by any mortal or even many divine beings. Their strength wasn’t just physical—it was spiritual. Angels were often invulnerable, impervious to harm. Invisibility was another feature attributed to them. This ability allowed them to move undetected among the realms, unseen by the eyes of both mortals and even powerful divine entities. Their presence was often felt before it was seen, and even then, their forms would often vanish into nothingness, giving them a ghostly quality that added to their mystique.

The fact that angels were depicted as invincible seemed to be a natural extension of their raw power. They did not fear the dangers of the world; they were unyielding to time and space itself. Such descriptions aligned them with beings of unmatched superiority. The very laws of reality seemed to bend when faced with their might. Invincibility wasn’t just an asset; it was their essence. They existed in a state that allowed them to rise above any challenge.

Obedience to Their Creator

In these ancient tales, angels were often portrayed as obedient servants to their Creator. This was their core purpose—carrying out the divine will without hesitation, doubt, or resistance. There was no rebellion, no question of disobedience, for their very essence was bound to the commands of their Creator. Their existence was a manifestation of absolute devotion and unquestioning loyalty.

Angels could not deny their Creator's orders, for doing so would be akin to denying their own purpose and existence. They were beings of purpose, born solely to serve and carry out the divine will with perfection.

The Paradox of Knowledge and Imagination

Despite their overwhelming power, immortality, and invincibility, one limitation was often noted by Earth's folklores—angels lacked imagination and knowledge. This was a curious and somewhat paradoxical trait. Angels were often seen as beings of higher intelligence, transcendent to humans. Yet, despite their superior power and abilities, they had little need for complex ideas, innovations, or technologies. They didn't build civilizations or create advanced tools. Their powers, after all, rendered such things unnecessary.

For angels, their very essence transcended the need for civilization. Their existence didn't rely on advancement or material progress, for their power was absolute. They were created with all they would ever need—immortality, strength, and divine purpose.

However, this lack of need for growth or development made their lack of knowledge appear as a certain incompleteness. Without knowledge, imagination, or the ability to innovate, the angels could never truly evolve or surpass their initial forms. Their inability to question or think beyond their Creator's will made them static in their understanding of the universe. They could not build upon their power or create new ways of seeing the world. In many ways, their ignorance was their greatest limitation—not in the conventional sense, but in the sense that it kept them from progressing beyond their own purpose.

Strength Without Weakness

But the more essential aspect of the angelic existence was their raw power, their invincibility. The absence of weaknesses—whether physical, emotional, or existential—was their defining feature. To mortal minds, this may seem like a flaw, for they did not grow, adapt, or learn. But in the eyes of the divine, this was not a weakness—it was the ultimate form of strength. Angels did not need to change or grow because they were already the pinnacle of divine power. Invisibility and invincibility were not simply abilities—they were attributes of their being, qualities that made them eternal, unchanging, and capable of maintaining order in the realms they watched over.

For those who looked upon angels with envy, the lack of imagination, knowledge, and change might seem like a deficiency. But in the grand scheme of existence, it was these very traits that allowed angels to focus on their true purpose: unwavering service to their Creator and the execution of their divine orders with absolute precision.

Thus, the paradoxical nature of angels—beings with limitless power but lacking in imagination and innovation—was both their strength and their ultimate purpose. Their perfection lay not in their ability to grow or change, but in their unyielding devotion and their capacity to carry out their role without question or flaw. And for Sung Jin-Woo, who stood above all, his angels—both light and dark—served as perfect extensions of his divine will, their roles unchallenged, their purpose clear.